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The Government's move to accept alterations to the Electoral Redivision Bill has been designed to see that the measure never becomes effective. The Government has accepted proposals which would make the Legislative Council even more undemocratic and unrepresentative than it now is. With a gross reversal of the principles of electoral distribution which were hammered out in compromise in the Lower House, it has accepted these because it knows that the Labor Party could never accept any measure which incorporated them and thus it seeks to obtain the defeat of any constitutional amendment to give effect to the electoral districts redivision proposals for which it will try to blame the Labor Party. It has done this despite the most solemn and clear undertakings by the Premier and the Attorney-General that boundaries for the Legislative Council would not be altered by this measure, that there was no trickery involved, that they had spoken to Government members in the Legislative Council, and that the Opposition had nothing to fear in this direction. Despite these undertakings, they have accepted proposals to alter the Legislative Council boundaries in such a way that even if the Labor Party got better than 60% of the popular vote it would only have at any time 6 members in the Upper House to the L.C.L.'s 18 thereby effectively preventing any measure for reform of the Upper House ever being successful. This action of political perfidy by the Premier and the Attorney-General and their Party has put electoral reform in South Australia back to where it was immediately after the State elections. They have done this in order to retain the present unfair boundaries for the Lower House because otherwise they fear the result to their Government.

It is quite clear that the whole of the proposals to seek a compromise on electoral reform by the Government have been a

mere sham designed to deceive electors into believing that the Government are genuinely prepared to do something. They are shown up as the dishonest reactionaries that they really are.

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